

# Eco Bazaar key attraction of Vasundhara film fest

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**Pune:** Eco Bazaar, a curated collection of environment-friendly products and organic food, will be a highlight of the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival.

The fest would be inaugurated by Union minister of state for environment, forests and climate change Prakash Javadekar at Balgandharva Rangmandir on Thursday.

Javadekar will speak on the topic 'Paris Agreement: The world's commitment for a better Earth'. John Bowman, director of the multimedia programme at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, New York, would be the guest of the evening. Atul Kirloskar would preside over the function starting at 6pm, festival director Virendra Chitrav said at a news conference here.

A photography exhibition as part of the festival would be inaugurated by renowned

Bengaluru-based photographer Giri Cavale at Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium on Ghole Road on Wednesday. Cavale has explored some of India's most enthralling ecosystems across various seasons. An audiovisual session, 'My encounter with the camera', by Cavale will be followed by the opening function.

Rajya Sabha MP Anu Aga will inaugurate the Eco Bazaar

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at Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium at 9.30am on Friday.

Other activities will be held till January 13 at various venues, including Balgandharva Rangmandir; Raja Ravi Varma Art Gallery and Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium. Organisers will also felicitate nature photographers Shrikant Ingahalikar and Vishal Jadhav as 'legends of Pune'.

Senior scientist Raghunath Mashelkar will be the chairperson for the festival's

closing ceremony. Atul Kirloskar will present seven Vasundhara honours, while the Vasundhara talk will be delivered by senior environmental expert Vandana Shiva on 'Making peace with Earth'. Shiva will also receive the Kirloskar Vasundhara Sanman.

Chitrav also announced the result of the film competition. The first prize will be given to Window Birding by Seema Rajeshirke, second prize to Rise and Fall of Ustad by Asif Khan, while the third prize will be shared by Lion Trackers of Gir by Amitabh Avasthi and Jal Khet by Anjali Nair. Consolation prizes will be given to Living with Elephants by Saravanakumar Salem and Surakshit Bhavishya by Hitendra Somani.

The winners of the photography competition are Hemant Krishnani, Sudhir Gaikwad and Anup Deodhar, while consolation prizes will go to Shreyas Kashalkar and Kamlesh Thakur.